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71493-973

February 9, 2001

Mr. Jeffrey K. Emery,
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VIA COURIER

Dear Mr. Emery:

Re: Proposed U.S. Patent Application
Formalization of Provisional U.S. Application
Serial No. 60/258,356
Applicant: Paul Marsh et al
Inventor: Paul Marsh et al
METHODS FOR EQUALIZATION OF A
DWDM SYSTEM
Your Ref: 13535ROUS02U

As you may know, a provisional U.S. patent application relating to the above, was filed on December 29, 2000.

We are now preparing to formalize this application and for this purpose enclosed is a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and an assignment document as well as a copy of the formalized application to be filed shortly.

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I would appreciate it if you could review the application at this time and let me know if there are any further changes of a substantive nature which you would like made. Please do not complete this form if you believe any changes at all are required.

If you are satisfied that no changes are required please proceed with executing the Declaration and assignment by signing and dating these forms where indicated. Please note that the assignment form also has to be witnessed.

Please return the executed documents to me by courier. I have sent an identical set of documents to Mr. Marsh and Mr. Gobeil for them to execute and return to me.

Yours very truly,

SMART & BIGGAR

WFP/wfs

William F. Petrie

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